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The state conferences in our Western Conference territory held their annual sessions during October. These gatherings were marked by unusual interest and attendance. Great interest was taken in the A. U. A. proposal for a consideration of the question of local autonomy. The fact that Rev. Fred V. Hawley, who represented the A. U. A., was so thoroughly convinced of the desirability of this policy made its adoption seem essential to the local conferences, so it was voted in whole or part by all of the conferences. All of the conferences voted not to hold their local meetings next year, but to meet in Chicago at the time of the session of the National Conference to transact such business as may need their attention. The spirit of all of these gatherings was such as must work good to our cause throughout the West.

The Y. M. C. A. is planning a new work. For many years it has carried on a work among the young men in our colleges and universities. It now proposes to undertake a similar work among the high school students. In view of the attitude and purposes of the Y. M. C. A. our people everywhere should be on the alert to see that our interests are protected. No one could possibly find fault with the avowed purpose of this organization, which is to promote a clean, good life among young men. Where Unitarians find reason to criticise the work of the Y. M. C. A. is in the manner that it sets about the accomplishment of its purpose. It makes a religious test the basis of its membership, and, at that, not practical religion but evangelical beliefs. It is true that, in a measure, the restrictions upon membership have been removed in college associations, but those who are not evangelical Christians are not allowed to hold offices, or become delegates even, in these associations. In many of our state colleges the Y. M. C. A. has an official standing, which relation is contrary to the laws of the states in which they are located, for as soon as any society announces doctrinal tests it becomes sectarian and as such can have no recognized standing in state institutions. Because it is disagreeable to be constantly protesting and because the Y. M. C. A. knows no hesitancy in pressing its claims it has come about that this unlawful condition exists. The Y. M. C. A. does so much that is really worth while that one dislikes to protest against its attitude of exclusiveness, but it is essential for us to do so in order to protect our own rights. It seems very strange that young men who are students of science and literature should wish to continue doctrinal tests that have long since become obsolete in most churches. Unitarians must watch this new movement or we shall awaken from our indifference to find the Y. M. C. A. entrenched in our city high schools as it now is in our state colleges. A great deal of Unitarian money has gone into Y. M. C. A. work. It is of the kind that appeals to our people. We bewail the evangelical test and temper that prevents our cordial co-operation and interest in a work that is now splendid, but which might be made much more effective and far-reaching by the abandonment on the part of the Y. M. C. A. management of its narrow policy of bigotry and intolerance.

ORDER IN ORGANIZATION.

It is generally conceded that there exists a vast amount of corruption in "the machine" in politics; the same thing is admitted about "the machine" in religion; but no sane person would urge doing away with "the machine" because of the corruption. Some great reformers have bade the mistake of trying to destroy the creations of the past; it is easily seen now that Knox in Scotland and Luther in Germany made irreparable blunders in destroying so much art and beauty in church building, etc. Organization is an absolute necessity in growth and development. And it may be said that if orthodox people make too much of system, scheme, and order, we Liberals have erred in making too little of it. Indeed, too many of us either ignore or make light of it. The majority of those of the Liberal Faith know the reason for the pronounced Individualism existing in our church organization, protest against machine methods is evidently one of the causes for this. But if the "prophet age" is a necessity, so also is

the "priest age." And if we are to take our place in the great march of progress we must have more, not less, organization.

We are deeply conscious that little good will result from pointing out errors. There is a splendid virtue in "negative capability." It is worth every one's effort to cultivate in a degree the blind eye and the deaf ear. One of the cardinal virtues among the Christian Scientists is the continual emphasis placed upon "the good." It is too true that "the Church in trying to save men's souls has nearly damned the race." But it is also true that our very weakness may become our strength. We know that the strength of a chain is as its weakest link. Old Mother Nature is continually teaching us this lesson for whenever there is a leak or breakage, she quickly rallies all her forces to repair the weak spot.

We have a very good illustration of this in an incident in Hebrew history. When Nehemiah returned from captivity to build the walls of the city we are told, "they built the wall, and the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." A very excellent method was set before "the people" in the preceding chapter. Here it is "From above the horse gate repaired the priests, and everyone over against his own house." If our ministers in the Liberal Church would attend to the horse gate and each one of us work over against his own house we would soon have a surprising revival among all our churches. We have been spending too much energy and time seeking to repair the horse gate that does not lie over against our own house."

It is poor business, this punching holes in the other fellow, and one should avoid this in all its forms. Every minister in our communion must feel that there exists among our churches and ministers a serious lack of thorough, systematic organization. Among our people both wealth and cheerful generosity exists. At any time of special need there has always been liberality without stint. In view of this, why should it be necessary for our worthy treasurer to be compelled to make such an appeal as appeared in his last annual report? Brother ministers, let us humbly confess that we have not been over busy "every man repairing the walls over against his own house." Last year, before Easter, from the Western Conference to each parish, there were sent little offering envelopes. What became of them? Can all our ministers honestly say that they did their "level best" to place these appeals before the people? This was a very simple, but most direct, way to create a generous spirit. The returns were good, but not anything like what should have been nor would have been had we ministers been awake to the possibilities. Look over the list of churches and opposite find the shamefully small amounts $10, $15 or $20, then stop a moment and think. Among the fifty or one hundred men in each of these local parishes—scarcely a man among them but what spends three times that amount every six months for cigars' We are not finding fault with the smoking habit; the fact is, the fellow who uses the "weed" is apt to be the most generous. The trouble lies at the minister's door. We are afraid of giving offense, or we use that old saw, "charity begins at home," or perhaps we are looking out for our own salary. Experience should have taught us this lesson, "The man who never does any more than he gets paid for, never gets paid for any more than he does. We may be sure of this, that the minister who seeks to save his salary will lose it.

Is there a single denomination in existence which has fewer free will offerings than we have? Not one! Is there a single denomination among the hundreds which represents as much culture and wealth as ours? Not one! Only once a year are we called upon to further our own cause. Just three seasons when our gifts might be in sympathy with the faith we profess, at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Our hard-working secretary, Mr. Backus, has repeatedly stated our "opportunities." It is not more light we need, but the will to perform. It is indeed worth while for us to be put to the test. Shall we not from now until Easter, "Build every man over against his own house"? If we will once join hands and heartily work with this end in view, to make our $20 at least five times that amount, I am sure the people will meet us half way for "the people have a mind to work." D. M. KIRKPATRICK.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PLAN OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Last spring, delegates from all the leading churches of Iowa City and from student organizations and from the university formed themselves into the Iowa City Committee on Religious Education with he purpose of considering how religious education could be better promoted among the students. During the summer a sub-committee of five, of which the writer was privileged to be one, worked out the details of a plan by which it seemed possible for a university student to receive credit to a limited amount for work in a religious subject done outside of the university, under the direction of the local ministers or other competent persons. Accordingly a petition was presented to the faculty of the university requesting that "arrangements be made as speedily as possible by which a limited amount of

credit may be given students for systematic and thorough work done in any such religious studies as are usually counted towards the degree of A. B. in American universities of first rank, provided that such students submit for approval an outline of any such course of study with a list of collateral reading, and give proper evidence that they have opportunity to pursue such study under the systematic and regular guidance of a reliable teacher and pass suitable examinations to be given by the Sate University."

The faculty by a unanimous vote granted this petition, agreeing to try the plan for two years. When "any duly qualified pastor of a church in Iowa City, or any qualified instructor designated by him, or the duly qualified representative of a student religious organization" desires to offer a course he must present it for approval to a special University Religious Committee, composed of three professors. If they approve it, any student who attends regularly, and passes such examinations as the university may give, will receive credit for the work done. But credit is not given for more than four hours of work in any one year, or for more than eight hours in any four-year course. The total credit for religious studies cannot then exceed more than about seven per cent of the work required for the degree of A. B.

Although this plan was adopted in the summer vacation, and so did not leave much time for the churches to get ready for this semester, the following subjects have already been prepared by the ministers of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Episcopal, and Unitarian churches respectively: Christian Ethics; Evolution of the Christian Idea and Worship of God; The Literature of the Bible; Present-Day Religious Problems; Historical Development of Christianity; The Modern Interpretation of Religion. This last course, given by the Unitarian Church, is strengthened by the fact that Dr. Guthe, head of the department of physics, gives four lectures on the unity of nature; matter; law; conservation of energy; and Dr. Starbuck, the professor of philosophy, gives twelve lectures on the immanence of God, and on special providence, revelation, salvation, and kindred topics. The Unitarian Church is the only one in which the professors cooperate with the minister in giving the course of lectures, thus helping the students to understand that the present plan is not on which the churches are trying to foist upon them, but is a plan for the careful and scientific study of religion in which leading professors of the university are also so much interested that they are willing to take time to give part of the lectures. All the courses are two hours each week. The lectures are given in university lecture rooms. Most of the courses are offered for one semester only.

It is fortunate for the success of this new plan that Prest. MacLean of the university is so heartily in its favor, and that all the Iowa City ministers are impressed by the need of proceeding with great caution, and of treating religion in a broad and scientific way. It is hoped that if the plan works here, it will extend to other state universities. If so, it will remove the just complaint that state universities are in their operation opposed to religion. While these universities do not intentionally oppose the systematic study of religion on the part of their students, they practically do so because they do not themselves offer students any chance to study religion, and at the same time they fill their students time so full of prescribed work that they have no time left to take advantage of any opportunities to study religion which might be offered outside of the universities. While they are not so narrow as those petty denominational colleges which force their students to study religion, whether they wish to or not, they are not as broad as those institutions like Harvard, Yale, Chicago, which do allow students to study religion if they so desire and to receive proper credit for their work. Since the lectures on religion are not given by the university, nor by any persons appointed by the university;—the lecturers from the church occupying the position of unofficial tutors preparing students to pass examinations in religious subjects;—the plan does not seem to be opposed to any law forbidding religious instruction in the public schools and universities.

ROBERT S. LORING.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Moline, Ill.—A service of ordination and installation was held by the Moline Church for its chosen minister, Floyd B. Hardin, Friday evening, October 23. Dr. Eliot preached the sermon, and Reverends Kirkpatrick, Judy, Ramsay and Backus took part in the service. Mr. Hardin has come to us from the Methodist church. He is the fourth generation of preachers in his family. Mr. Hardin has served as a minister in the Methodist denomination. We are glad to welcome one to our ranks who, from birth and training, promises to be so useful in our work.

Milwaukee.—Rev. Walter F. Greenman was installed as minister of our society in this place Friday evening, October 2. The act of installation was performed for the congregation by Mr. Horace A. J. Upham. The ministers who took part were Smith, Gilmore, Titsworth and Backus. He was welcomed to the city by Dr. Titsworth, who has been for

twenty-five years minister of the First Congregational church in Milwaukee. After the service a reception was tendered Mr. Greenman by the congregation.

Alton, Ill.—Mr. Cady, who graduated in June from the Pacific Unitarian Divinity School, has been called to minister to the congregation of the First Unitarian Church of this city. A service of ordination and installation will soon be held for him by the society.

Urbana, Ill. — The beautiful new building erected by our society in this university city was dedicated Sunday, October 18. Dr. Eliot preached the sermon of dedication. In the evening a platform meeting was held, in which Dr. Eliot, Mr. Pulsford, President James and Professor Forbes and Mr. Vail participated. It is only two years since Mr. Vail went to Urbana. At that time there was no organization. In two years Mr. Vail has gathered a large and strong congregation and secured the erection of a beautiful and adequate structure.

Iowa City.—The untiring efforts of our minister in this city, Rev. R. S. Loring, have reached fruition in the completion and dedication of a fine new edifice. The dedication took place Saturday, October 24. Dr. Eliot preached the sermon, and the service was participated in by Reverends Ramsay and Gordon. All of our people rejoice in the fact that Iowa City at last has a Unitarian church that is adequate for the work and worthy to bear our name. The Iowa Association has deeded the edifice to the local society. We expect immediate and great results from the proper housing of our work in this university city.

Hanska, Minn.—The Minnesota State Conference met with this society October 5-7. The opening sermon was by Rev. Fred V. Hawley. The ministers in attendance were Lilliefors, Gebauer, Reid, Hodgin and Backus. Papers and addresses were given by the visiting ministers. A notable paper was given by the President of the Conference, Mr. Ole Jorgensen, on "How Can We Get Our Message to the American People?" An address of exceptional power was given by Dr. J. G. Parsons, of Sioux Falls, S. D., on "The Religion of Doctors." Mention should also be made of the music furnished by the ladies' quartet and Mt. Pisquah orchestra. This gathering was marked by genial comradeship inspired by the warm welcome given by Pastor Norman and his wife, aided by the Norwegian folk who constitute his congregation. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mr. Ole Jorgensen; vice-president, Rev. J. D. Reid; secretary and member of missionary council, Rev. Geo. R. Gebauer; treasurer, Miss Charlotte Clark.

Perry, Iowa.—The thirty-first annual meeting of the Iowa Association was held in Perry October 7-9. The sermon was given by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones. The first afternoon was devoted to a ministers' meeting which considered some of the most important of recently issued books. The ministers present were Ramsay, Hawley, Townsend, Wellman, Backus and Misses Safford and Gordon. Mrs. Delano, vice-president of the National Alliance, was present and gave a most excellent paper on alliance work. Rev. Miss Haight and her people entertained most delightfully. There were a large number of lay delegates present. The spirit manifested throughout was of the finest possible. A sense of the bigness of our work pervaded every session and made itself manifest in every vote. The officers elected were: President, Mr. G. B. Healy; vice-president, Rev. R. E. Ramsay; secretary, Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon; treasurer, Mr. H. H. Griffiths.

Omaha, Neb.—The Missouri Valley Conference met in this city October 12-14. Rev. Fred V. Hawley preached the conference sermon. All of the ministers of the conference were present, being Messrs. Bennett, Day, Jones, Weatherly, Ferguson and Armington. Mrs. Delano was in attendance and gave an address on alliance work. This meeting was full of enthusiasm. All of the papers and discussions were of a high order. The active participation of the laymen in the work of the conference was very noticeable. Mr. Mann and his church people made the conference feel thoroughly at home in their church and city. An automobile ride about the city followed the last meeting. The manner of closing its session by this conference is unique. It closes at noon with a luncheon, followed by speeches. The officers elected were: President, Mr. Paul F. Clark; vice-president, Mr. Cyrus Crane; secretary, Rev. J. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Baxter; council, Rev. F. M. Bennett.

Rockford, Ill.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Illinois Conference was held with the Church of the Christian Union. Mr. Mills and his fellow workers gave royal welcome and entertainment to their guests. Rev. James Vila Blake gave the sermon. The ministers present were Hawley, Vail, Pulsford, Backus, Kirkpatrick and Mueller. A unique feature of the program was an afternoon meeting, at which Bishop Samuel Fallows and Mrs. Ursula N. Gestefeld spoke on "The Church and the New Thought." Rev. Eugene Bartlett, of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist, Chciago, was present and spoke on "What Must the Church Do to Be Saved." A spirited session of the alliance was held, at which Mrs. Delano presided. Mr. F. B. Hardin, recently elected minister of our church at Moline, was present. The officers elected were as

follows: President, Rev. Fred V. Hawley; vice-president, Rev. A. R. Vail; secretary, Rev. J. H. Mueller; treasurer, Mr. George L. Parker.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The liberals of Michigan held a joint conference with All Souls Church October 18-21. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Backus. Mr. C. S. Udell, who is president of the conference, always succeeds in making so elaborate a program as to defy our columns with their limited space to report it adequately. The combination of Universalists and Unitarians brought together a great number of delegates, who mingled to mutual edification and profit. Dr. Eliot brought the greeting of the A. U. A. Dr. McGlauflin, superintendent of the Universalist churches, was to have given the greeting from their General Conference, but was prevented by illness. Many of our conferences have discussed the "Emmanuel Movement." Rev. S. E. Macduff, of the Episcopal church, gave a paper on this subject at this conference. The success of Christian Science seems to be creating rivalry among the older churches who have a desire to participate in the prosperity of this new movement. It is a phenomenon deserving the attention of liberals, as is evidenced by the consideration given it this year by the conferences. An educational session was held, at which Dr. A. B. Church, president of Buchtel College, spoke on "Education and Investment," and President Southworth, of Meadville, spoke on "Has the Liberal Ministry an Appeal to the Young People of Today?" The business sessions of the two bodies were carried on separately, while the other parts of the program were united in by both. The sessions were all of fine spirit. The officers elected were: President, Mr. C. S. Udell; secretary, Rev. R. Shaw Barrow.

The Chicago Associate Alliance met at Evanston, All Souls Church, Thursday, October 1, at 11 a. m. The president, Mrs. Grant Beebe, presided. There were fifty-eight present. The minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Delano and Mr. Hawley spoke of the State Conference to be held at Rockford in the present month and the need and wish for greater interest from members of the Chicago churches.

Miss French gave a full report of the Philanthropic News Committee, the work showing "a continual seeking after better ends."

A musical number was given by the church organist to the enjoyment of all.

Prof. George A. Coe gave the address of the day on "A Study in Mysticism." Professor Coe rescued the term mysticism from its loose application to anything mysterious or superstitious, defining it as "any practice or theory that asserts such relation with God as yields immediate and intuitive certainty." This is not understood as coming to pass through learning, study or the influence either of one's own past or of the race. The meaning of mysticism was further described by a classification of the forms it has taken from what was declared to be its root historically, the "spirit possession" of the primitive savage up to the ecstacy of a Saint Theresa and, in our own time, the teaching as to our unity with God by Christian Science and of many other mystical movements.

Inspiration, whether religious, literary or artistic, all the psychic phenomena such as telepathy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc., and the experiences which have frequently come to persons under the influence of an anaesthetic, all belong to this category of the mystical. The address did not take up the question of the value of these experiences or the truth of the claims made in explaining them. But in the discussion which followed there was shown the tendency of the modern scientific man away from mystical forms of religion toward an ethical faith, which grows out of the experience of the race and of the experience of the individual in his contact with his fellows.

The meeting adjourned after some discussion to a hospitable home near by for luncheon.

Ethel W. Mason, Secretary.

One of the busiest women of the city said to the minister recently: "If I am for any reason compelled to be absent from church service, something seems wrong all the week." Church going is largely a matter of habit. Many people go to every church service. Almost every one could attend church service once a day if they just would, and it would be easy and natural after the habit was formed. Of Jesus it was said: "As his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." What a beautiful and helpful custom it is! David said: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Our church attendance for the year has been good. We have still two months before the vacation and shall we not make a record for the remaining weeks in all church activities? At the close of life we will never regret the time we gave to church attendance and work. It is feared that some, especially parents, will have cause to regret that they gave so little time to the church.—Rev. J. P. McCarthy in the May "Bulletin."

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio.—First Unitarian Church, Bushnell Hall, 125 West Federal St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1218 Wick Ave.

"Let us all join hands and help for today we are alive together."

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